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### FOR SALE.

THE SLOOP "LOTUS" (aka "DAPHNE") 5 TONS. In Good Order and Condition. Apply to J. T. Y. VERNON. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2637]

### PERSEVERANCE LODGE.

No. 1165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the PERSEVERANCE LODGE, 25th inst., at 5.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2635]

### "WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CROMARTY."

Captain Duncan, will be despatched for the above ports at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARMILL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2634]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG, AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG."

Captain Trampota, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2638]

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ULYSSES."

Captain Brown, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2636]

### TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. "HECTOR" AND "ACHILLES," FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders may be obtained from the undersigned not later than the 20th inst. for shipment per steamer "POLYPHEMUS," BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2638]

### S.S. "GLENARNEY."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo shipped in MIDDLESBORO and LONDON by the above named steamer, for Hongkong, are hereby informed that a consignment of goods has arrived by the S.S. "GLENARNEY."

These goods are being landed at Consignees' risk into Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained after the Average Bill, which is lying in our Office, has been signed.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to sign the Average Bond and to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2639]

### "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBORO LONDON, AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLEN GARRY."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to sign the Average Bond and to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2639]

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF DUNDEE."

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the 25th inst. for goods left in the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst., at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2639]

### JUST ARRIVED.

LADIES' BICYCLES, ex S.S. "Hector."

On View at

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2638]

## INTIMATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the Year 1896, at the Rate of Fifty Cents per Share (or Five Per Cent. on the Capital of the Company), will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after the 20th inst. at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Local Shareholders are requested to apply to the Company's Office for their Warrants.

The Dividend will also be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on the same date.

By Order, A. H. MANCILL, Secretary. Hongkong, 9th November, 1896. [2633]

## INTIMATIONS.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the STATUS of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 28th of November, at Noon.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary. Hongkong, 13th November, 1896. [2636]

## ORGAN RECITAL.

IN THE UNION CHURCH.

BY M. B. GEORGE GRIMBLE.

(THURSDAY).

19th November, at 5.45 p.m.

PROGRAMME:—

1. GRAND OFFERTORY: "Lefebvre Wely."

2. Tenor Solo: "If with (Elijah) Mendels."

3. Andante in G. "Edouard Batiste."

4. Soprano Solo: "Ave" Bach-Gomodoi.

5. "The Lost Chord" Schumann.

6. Tenor Solo: "The Stephen Adams."

7. March of the Minstrel: "Shin, Mui."

8. Concerto in G Minor: "Handel."

Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2636]

## THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

By Kind Permission of

LIEUT. COL. C. H. B. NORCOTT, COMMANDING.

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RIFLE BRIGADE BURLESQUE

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21st November, 1896.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2613]

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The Philippine Rebellion.

The Death of a Diveson Schoolboy.

Opening of the To Lung Jik Society's New Home.

Travels in the Ningbo.

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Japanese Imprisoned on the Chingta.

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Hongkong Golf Club.

The Yokohama Poisoning case.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1896.

## ROTHEN MARK LODGE.

No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the

ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the "HONGKONG" HALL, TO-MORROW

the 20th inst., at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1896. [2632]

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A FRESH CONSIGNMENT of PINE

APPLE BRAND AUSTRALIAN

HAMS AND BACON at 45 cts. a lb.

Also

A FRESH LOT of ANGLO-SWISS

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Hongkong, 31st October, 1896. [2625]

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VERY GOOD COGNAC.

Somewhat younger than the above.

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896. [26240]

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1895. [2-1828 3]

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The **DIRECTORY** covers the whole of the ports and cities of the Far East, from Peking to Valparaiso, in which European, really.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1894.

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to be paid by the provinces to the Imperial Treasury. Many of them can easily afford to pay a larger contribution to the necessities of the Central Government. Few provinces, it is true, have any spare cash, but most would be willing to increase their contribution to the Imperial exchequer if they could obtain permission to levy some new taxes. That the provinces expected some demand from Peking would appear to be probable from the fact that some of them are already considering ways and means and trying to devise schemes for raising the wind. The Central Government have meanwhile decided to devote the whole of the revenue derivable from the Imperial Maritime Customs to the payment of interest on the loans, and that fact alone has sufficed to embarrass some of the provincial Governments, and they are looking round for fresh sources of revenue. The Provincial Treasurer of Kiangnan has issued a notice to the provincial officials directing them to levy an extra tax on all opium shops throughout their districts at the rate of 20 cash per taal of prepared opium. He adds that this is to be considered as a contribution to "military expenses." In other words, it is a war tax after the war is over. The people have had their tankards at the game of war, and having been worsted they have now to pay the cost. A proposition has also made recently by one of the Censors to impose a stamp tax on all kinds of documents, and the Emperor has, it is reported, sanctioned the new tax. It is further believed that the collection of the tax and sale of the stamps will be entrusted to the Imperial Maritime Customs.

No doubt this idea of a stamp tax was taken from the stamp duties imposed in this colony. The tax will not press greatly on individuals, and will not perhaps excite much opposition; but the Chinese will do their best to evade it, and, from the experience of their success in this line in Hongkong, we imagine they will be able to avoid its incidence in a great measure in China unless the penalties for so doing are exceedingly heavy, in which case they may not think the game worth the candle, though the Chinese as a rule will run extraordinary risks to save a mere trifle. As, however, the tax will not presumably be a heavy one, and as it may possibly help to give validity to certain instruments, the tax may be accepted with less opposition than is ordinarily directed against measures of this kind. It is a distinctly new departure in China, and is undoubtedly better than a new impost on trade. Of course in reality the stamp duty is a tax on trade, but it will press lightly compared with a direct tax on merchandise, and as it is to be worked by the staff of the Maritime Customs it cannot be manipulated as a squeeze by the native officials. In any case it seems certain that a trial will be made of it, and it is to be hoped that it may prove successful in adding a large sum to the Chinese Treasury without materially pressing upon the people. The Chinese Government are also about to try the foreign postage system and should find that a source of considerable profit. Whether it can be worked honestly and efficiently as in Japan remains to be seen. Quick delivery is hardly a matter in which the Chinese are likely to shine, as our experience in this colony has abundantly shown and as that gleaned in connection with the native telegraph offices has often proved. But the telegraph system is fairly worked, and there is no reason why the Post Office should not become in time a reliable institution in China. If a sufficient number of foreign officials be retained to work it for some years, as is done in the Customs, the Post Office is bound to prove a success. We shall be interested to see how these new experiments answer in the Central Kingdom. We can only hope that a fair trial will be given to them.

While the steamer *Prospere* was on her voyage up from Singapore, on the 17th inst., at 7.40 a.m., a Chinese passenger was reported to have fallen overboard. The vessel was at anchor and the engines slowed down, a good look-out being kept, but nothing was seen of the man, and the ship proceeded on her course.

A lad was charged at the Police Court yesterday with assisting an earwig from a woman. The prisoner said he came from Taikoo and did not know the lad. The Magistrate asked him to have a look at the lad, and he said he had never seen him. He was committed to two months' imprisonment, six strokes with the rattan on admission and also strikes a few days before his release.

The Japanese Consul informs that he has received a telegram from Amoy to the effect that Vice-consul Kawakami, General of the Japanese Army, and his suite are coming here on board the steamer *Yamato*, which is expected early to-morrow morning. His Excellency has been making a tour of inspection in Formosa. After about a week's stay here he will proceed to Tientsin for the purpose, it is believed, of studying the French system of dealing with the native population in that colony.

Saigon papers record the murder of a mining prospector named M. de la Roche, who was killed on the 27th inst. near the mine of Camaron in the Lac region, some 200 miles ago. The fatal attack took place on the 27th inst. near the mine of Camaron in the Lac region, some 200 miles ago. The fatal attack took place on the 27th inst. near the mine of Camaron in the Lac region, some 200 miles ago.

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while torture was being inflicted, so as to be in a position to say that it is not what it has been represented to be; or has he spoken to any of the victims? We know not. The public is not likely to have the direct evidence of any reliable eye-witness of the torture and will have to draw its own conclusions from hearsay evidence. On the one hand there will naturally be an inclination to paint the torture in the blackest colours and on the other hand an equal inclination will exist to minimise and palliate it, but the unhappy fact seems to remain established that torture in some degree has been practised, and that being the case the judgment of humanity will not be much affected by the precise number of turns given to the thumbscrew.

The value of "Impartiality" contradictions, either as regards torture or any other matter in connection with the rebellion, may be gauged from his reference to the battle of Talisy, in which he says our correspondent (not Mr. Davidson this time) has "gone one better" than the rebels. A reference to General Blanco's telegram to Madrid as published in the London papers proves the substantial accuracy of our correspondent's report of that affair. In recording a campaign such as that now proceeding in the Philippines, where every effort is made to prevent information leaking out locally, it is inevitable that mistakes in details should be made, but the mistake to which "Impartiality" draws attention is of a trivial description. The important point was whether the Spanish had sustained a check or not; an officer more or less killed or wounded or the precise loss of men is not a very material fact in the case. Our correspondent stated that in the action referred to the Spaniards lost their colonel and two captains killed, one lieutenant severely wounded, besides 80 rank and file killed, and 100 made prisoners. General Blanco states that the column "had to fall back with the loss of two officers and sixteen men killed, one major, one subaltern, and twenty-one men wounded." And "Reuters states that the 'unfavourable news' had 'caused great anxiety' at Madrid, and it was thought possible that further reinforcements might be required. As we know, further reinforcements are now on their way, and it is evident that 'Impartiality's' estimate of the situation is not that of the Spanish Government.

We would remind our readers of Mr. George Grimble's organ recital at Union Church this afternoon.

M. S. Centurion leaves for Singapore on the 26th inst. and after a brief stay there will return to Hongkong.

A hockey match, the Chai & Shipping, will be played this afternoon (Thursday) at the Happy Valley. Rally at 4.45 sharp.

The Spanish transport *Coronado* passed through Singapore on the 9th November with nearly 2,000 troops from Spain for the Philippines.

The *Glas* Line steamer *Glenary* has brought on board of the cargo of the *Glenary*, and will sail for England after being on fire in the Red Sea.

To-morrow night a performance will be held in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club. The start will be made from the Gymnasium at 9 p.m.

A time-expired Portuguese sailor fell from the gangway of the *Africa* on Monday night and was drowned. His body was picked up near the Victoria Recreation Club on Tuesday night.

At the regular meeting of the Forensic Lodge on the 16th inst. Bro. F. W. Edwards was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. A. H. Bollenham Treasurer.

From the *Courriere de Saigon*, we learn that the German steamer *Holstein* has been seized at Saigon for smuggling opium. The Customs had received private information as to the arrival of the steamer, and it immediately amongst the cargo in the hold. The affair came before the Court on the 10th November, when the master, Capt. Bruns, was sentenced to a fine of \$750 and the steamer was held under arrest pending payment of the money. This affair, our correspondent adds, has produced some excitement amongst the natives, who are accused of smuggling opium with a view to the clandestine introduction of prohibited articles on board it may be by the malversation of Chinese.

## THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.

MRS. CAREW COMMITTED.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

SHANGHAI, 18th October.

In the *Carew* case at Yokohama further disclosures have been made and Mrs. Carew has been committed for trial without bail.

## REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 16th November.

ITALY AND AETHIOPIA.

A treaty of peace has been signed by Italy and Abyssinia and all prisoners have been released. Italy recognises the absolute independence of Ethiopia.

THE ROYAL NIGER COMPANY.

The Royal Niger Company is making preparations for a large military expedition, in which thirty-five British officers will be engaged.

## SUPREME COURT.

16th November.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Before His Honour Mr. CARRINGTON (Chief Justice).

THE PROSECUTION OF GIRLS.

Wong Yan and Wong Shing were charged on the 16th inst. with the offence of procuring girls for the purpose of prostitution.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty and the following facts were sworn—Messrs. C. W. R. and C. W. R. were charged with the offence of procuring girls for the purpose of prostitution.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. J. J. (Crown Solicitor), presented.

After the examination Mr. G. T. Rivers, who was absent when his name was called as a juror in the morning, attended before his Lordship and apologised for being late. He was very busy in the afternoon and had slipped his memory. Directly he found out his mistake he came to the Court and arrived there at 10.15. He would be happy to serve as a juror on the 16th inst.

His Lordship told the juror to take care to be punctual another time and allowed him to go.

The jury at first returned with a verdict of guilty by a majority of four to three. His Lordship told the jury to return to the Court and to direct and directed them to retire once more. In a few minutes they returned with a verdict of guilty by five to two.

The jury was then sent to the Court for a verdict of guilty by five to two.

The Court then adjourned until this morning.

THE PHARO AND MURDER NEAR GREEN.

The trial of the two men charged with piracy and murder near Green Island was fixed for Thursday, the 16th inst.

16th November.

## PROBATE JURISDICTION.

Before His Honour Mr. CARRINGTON (Chief Justice).

HO I SHEE ALIAS HO I CHU, DECEASED—HO FUNG HANG V. HO CHU YUK.

This case was brought for the probate of a will of H. I. Shee in 1888.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. Bowler (of Mr. Ho I Shee's estate) appeared for the plaintiff.

The defendant did not appear.

Ho I Shee, who was for many years managing partner of the *Sin Loong* Hong, opium merchants, 53, Benham Street, died in 1888.His estate was divided into two parts, one part being his share in the *Sin Loong* Hong, which was divided between his three sons, who had predeceased him. In 1888 some person calling himself Ho I Shee, and who was known to be a fraud, was induced to sign a document purporting to be a will of Ho I Shee, by which the whole estate was given to him as son of the deceased. This will was attested by Li Fung Chi (then Manager of the *Sin Loong* Hong) and by two other persons, who were also induced to sign the document.

Ho I Shee described himself as eldest son of Ho I Shee, and produced a name named Ho Kwai who declared that he was present at Ho I Shee's death, and signed a document in his name.

Ho I Shee was the usual way, but the only one who appears to have made it was to register it with the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, in which the Chinese estate had shares, and of 31 over Shanghai and 37 over Hongkong.

The scores being respectively 934, 934, and 937.

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